

Attendance of the March 17, 2004 GMAC Meeting
(based on sign-in sheet)

Name	Agency
Amore, Al	California Highway Patrol
Brown, Hon. Arthur C.	City of Buena Park
Calix, Robert	LACMTA
Carpenter, Jeff	LA CRA
Catz, Sarah	Golden State Gateway Coalition
Cheng, Luke	LACMTA
Daniels, Hon. Gene	City of Paramount
Guss, Ron	California Trucking Association
Havens, Alan	
Hui, Linda	LACMTA
Lai, Sue	Port of Los Angeles
Lee, Francis	Caltrans District 7
Lopez, Ernest	SCAQMD
Morgan, Eric	LA World Airports
Neely, Sharon	ACE Construction Authority
Rodriguez, Dilara	Caltrans
Smith, Steve	SANBAG
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SCAG Staff	
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Griffin, Mark	
Wong, Philbert	
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**GOODS MOVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2004**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Art Brown, City of Buena Park, called the meeting to order. A list of those in attendance is included in the minutes.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3.1.1 Approval of the February 18, 2004 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was seconded and approved with no objections and two abstentions.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Update on current Federal and State Legislation

Ms. Felicia Brannon, SCAG staff, reported on this item. In terms of TEA-21 reauthorization, the Senate has passed its version of SAFETEA at \$318 billion, while President Bush has passed his version of SAFETEA at \$256 billion. The House version (TEA-LU) has not yet been passed.

Legislative staff is also tracking other goods movement related federal legislation, such as HR 3398, which would establish a goods movement program to improve the productivity, security, and safety of freight transportation gateways.

Mr. Mark Griffin, also highlighted a letter to be sent from Bev Perry, SCAG President, to Senator Bill Frist, Representative Don Young, and Secretary of Transportation Mineta supporting the goods movement elements contained in each of the transportation reauthorization bills.

Mr. Steve Smith, SANBAG, suggested that language be inserted into this letter stating that any pending legislation should not reduce currently existing funding levels. Mr. Griffin believes this suggestion can be

incorporated by stating that consistent with SCAG, CalCOG, AASHTO, etc., guiding principles for reauthorization call for sustaining currently existing funding programs.

Mr. Griffin then briefed the committee on California State Assembly bills currently under consideration, including AB2041, which would establish a charge for transporting cargo by commercial motor vehicle into or out of the Port of Los Angeles or the Port of Long Beach during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., inclusive, on Monday to Friday, inclusive; AB2042, which would require the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Los Angeles to ensure that all future growth at each port will have a zero net increase in air pollution; and AB2043, which would establish the Maritime Port Strategic Master Plan Task Force in state government.

Ms. Brannon indicated to the committee that SCAG legislative staff will be tracking these bills, as well as goods movement related federal legislation. If the committee would like additional bills to be tracked, please inform SCAG staff. Ms. Sharon Neely, ACE Construction Authority, asked that staff also track SB 1397 (Escutia), SB 2847 (Oropeza), and SB 1614 (Tolarkson).

The California Trucking Association (CTA) will be invited to present CTA-sponsored legislation at the next GMAC meeting.

4.2 Status report on the Southern California Consensus Program for TEA-21 Reauthorization

Ms. Brannon presented this item. This document is an update to the Southern California Consensus program document released in February, 2003. The Consensus program was presented by the Southern California Transportation delegation to legislators in Washington, D.C., with the purpose of presenting a unified voice to highlight the transportation needs of this region.

4.3 US/Mexico Border Counties Coalition Conference

Ms. Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG, presented this item. The 2004 annual conference was held in Washington D.C. from March 1-3, 2004. The focus of the conference was on reimbursement to counties for federally required programs and the need to reduce the financial burden border counties currently face from undocumented immigration. Though goods movement was discussed to a limited extent at this conference, one of the priorities of the Coalition continues to be goods movement.

4.4 Update on the Southern California Logistics Airport

This item will be reported on at the next GMAC meeting. In the interim, staff has a CD of the EIR of the airport for those who are interested.

Mr. Griffin also noted that the draft FY 04-05 OWP is currently available on the SCAG website. Programs with funding for next year include the Rail Mainline study, Port and Modal Diversion study, East-West corridor, Marine Transportation System integration with the Urban Transportation System, and a bypass study through Coachella Valley.

5.0 **COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Luke Cheng, LACMTA, announced that a goods movement modeling meeting will be held at SCAG on March 24, 2004. Participants include SCAG, MTA, the Port of Long Beach, and USC.

6.0 **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular GMAC meeting will be:
Wednesday, April 21, 2004
9:30am-11:00am
SCAG Offices, San Bernardino Conference Rooms A&B

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.